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Naples, July 21, N. S.

SIR George Byng continues here, but is preparing to return in a few Days to the Coasts of Sicily, from whence he has received Letters from Captain Field of the Rupert, who commands the Ships lying off Taormina, which advise that two Batallions from Syracusa were arrived and had joined General Mercy, as had likewise most of the Troops and Recruits sent from hence. Count Gallas has received Letters from Sicily by the Way of Reggio, from which last Place they were dispatched on the 16th Instant, advising, that nothing considerable had passed between the Armies since the 30th ult; that General Mercy having had a Fit of Apoplexy, had been obliged to leave the Camp at Franca Villa, in order to pass over to Reggio for the Recovery of his Health. That the Command in chief of the Imperial Army was thereby devolved on General Zumjungen, who is an Officer of great Capacity and Experience: It was believed he would decamp in a few Days, and take his March towards Catania, in which Parts the Army may be subsisted with great Ease and Conveniency, and be able to reduce to the Emperour's Obedience all that East Side of the Island, which is a rich and plentiful Country. The Men of War which Sir George Byng had ordered to cruise off Palermo, met about a Week ago three Genoese Ships bound from Porto Longone for Palermo, having on board 800 Soldiers, most of them Swiss, who had been in the Venetian Service, for recruiting the Enemy's Troops: Captain Haddock of the Grafton took two of those Ships, and has brought them hither, with near 600 Men in them, who are imprisoned here: They had likewise on board a good Number of Arms, which were designed to be distributed among the Sicilians: The other Ship ran a-shore near Palermo, and was burnt by Captain Strickland, but most of her Men escaped.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Protheroe of the Loo to Sir George Byng, dated from Leghorne, June 29, O. S. On the 23d I received your Letter and Orders of the 2d sent hither to me from Genoa. On the 24th I left this Place to put your Commands in Execution. On the 27th about Five in the Evening being off Cape Corso and standing to the N. W. I saw two Ships coming down upon me; I disguised my Ship what I could, to make her appear like a Merchant Ship, which answered my Expectation: One of them which much outsailed the other, came so very near me, that I was convinced she was the Privateer I had so long attended, and she found my Ship was the Loo; upon which she shortned Sail and stood towards the other, which was a Dutch Hag-Boat. I lost no Time to make Sail after her, standing away between Corsica and Capria; the Dutchman stood for Leghorne. I came up with the Privateer at a very considerable Rate, having a Gale: By Eight at Night he had got close under Capria, thinking to slip me in the Dark; but we kept Sight, and by Ten spoke with him. When I hailed, he answered he was a Frenchman from Toulon bound up the Levant; and when I commanded him to send his Boat on Board, he excused himself and desired me to send mine; I returned him a Broad-side in Answer, he did the like, and so we engaged for Two Hours within Pistol-shot of each other, so close under the Land, that I was in Pain he would get a-shore; but proving calm some part of the time, he could not command his Ship. About Midnight we had a small Breeze off the Island, he stood off and steered for Porto Longone, but I was so close upon him, that I obliged him to alter his Course. We had but little Wind till Four in the Morning, the Gale came on, I ran up along Side of him, and renewed the Fight. The Captain of the Privateer was very obstinate, notwithstanding his Ship was torn to Pieces. About Eight it was his Lot to be wounded, and then some of them called to us they had struck, having a small Spanish Jack in their Mizen Shrowds. The Prize is shot to Pieces. We have killed and wounded them upwards of fourscore Men, with a very inconsiderable Loss in my Ship's Company, having had but two Men killed and four wounded.

St. Sebastian, Aug. 6. The Capitulation demanded of the Marshal Berwick by the Spanish Governour, for the Surrender of this Town and his retiring with the Garrison into the Castle, and the Terms prescribed to him by the Marshal, are as follows.

1. That the Garrison march out at the Breach, with their Arms, Colours flying, Drums beating, and with 10 Shot each Soldier. *The Garrison shall retire up to the Castle To-Day.*

2. That they be allowed to go to Pampelona by the shortest way without any Hindrance, and that they be furnished with the necessary Carriages for their Equipages. *When the Castle shall surrender, this Matter shall be settled.*

3. That the Wounded and Sick, which are in the Hospitals of the Town, shall be looked after and cured at the Expence of the King my Master, and being recovered, shall have Passports given them for Pampelona. *Granted.*

4. That the Town and its Inhabitants be maintained in their Freedom and Privileges, under the same Form of Government, without any Alteration, particularly not of the Revenues, that the Offices and Common Expences of the Administration may be supported and defrayed. The like shall be done with respect to the Ecclesiastical Chapter and Religious Communities. *Let the Regidor and Magistrates come and treat of this.*

5. That